

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating non-ischemic heart failure, which comprises administering to a patient ~~in need thereof~~ suffering from non-ischemic heart failure granulocyte colony-stimulating factor as the sole active ingredient in an amount effective for treating non-ischemic heart failure.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the non-ischemic heart failure is caused by exacerbation of cardiomyopathy.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the cardiomyopathy is idiopathic cardiomyopathy.

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein the idiopathic cardiomyopathy is dilated cardiomyopathy.

Claims 5-7 (Cancelled)

8. (Withdrawn-currently amended) A kit for treating non-ischemic heart failure, which comprises a ~~colony-stimulating~~

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factor granulocyte colony-stimulating factor in an amount effective for treating non-ischemic heart failure, and instructions for use.

Claims 9-11 (Cancelled).